

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Adopt Resolution Supporting Woodbridge Irrigation District Lower Mokelumne River

Restoration Program and City Participation in Construction (\$50,000)

MEETING DATE:

September 19, 2001

PREPARED BY:

Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the Woodbridge Irrigation District Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program and

commit \$50,000 (fiscal year 2002/03) toward construction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program team has been working for the past two and a half years to complete the

environmental permitting and engineering design of the fish passage project. Woodbridge Irrigation District and the City of Lodi have

been working as partners in this project with support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, California Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fishery Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

The project features include an adjustable dam and weir, fish ladders, fish screen, new water diversion structures, and new monitoring facilities. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$20 million. Construction of the project will require approximately two and a half years. Long-term benefits of the project include improved fish passage, improved water quality, flood control assistance, fish and wildlife preservation, recreation, and preservation of Lodi Lake. The operation of the new adjustable dam and weir will directly benefit Lodi residents and visitors as it will allow Lodi Lake to be kept full for longer periods and will improve handling of flood flows during the irrigation season.

Woodbridge Irrigation District desires to include the City of Lodi's Resolution supporting the project with its application for CALFED Program funding. The District is committing at least \$300,000 of its funds toward the project. The City's contribution will positively indicate to the granting agencies the City's support of the project. The application will be submitted September 21, 2001.

FUNDING:

\$50,000 - to be determined in fiscal year 2002/03 budget. Funds will not be needed until

fiscal year 2002/03 and only if the grant is approved

Richard C. Prima, J. Public Works Director

Prepared by Wally Sandelin, City Engineer

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cc: City Attorney

Woodbridge Irrigation District

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING WOODBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOWER MOKELUMNE RIVER RESTORATION PROGRAM AND CITY PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Woodbridge Irrigation District and the City of Lodi have been working together as partners for over two years on the Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program, with support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, California Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fishery Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United States Bureau of Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, they have been working to complete the environmental permitting and engineering design of the fish passage project; and

WHEREAS, this project includes an adjustable dam and weir, fish ladders, fish screen, new water diversion structures, and new monitoring facilities, at an approximate cost of \$20 million; and

WHEREAS, the long-term benefits of the project include improved fish passage, improved water quality, flood control assistance, fish and wildlife preservation, recreation, and preservation of Lodi Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River Restoration Project will benefit Lodi residents and visitors as well as the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby support the Woodbridge Irrigation District Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby commit \$50,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2002/03 Budget toward construction.

Dated: September 19, 2001

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-226 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a special meeting held September 19, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor

Nakanishi

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON

City Clerk

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Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program Update Report...

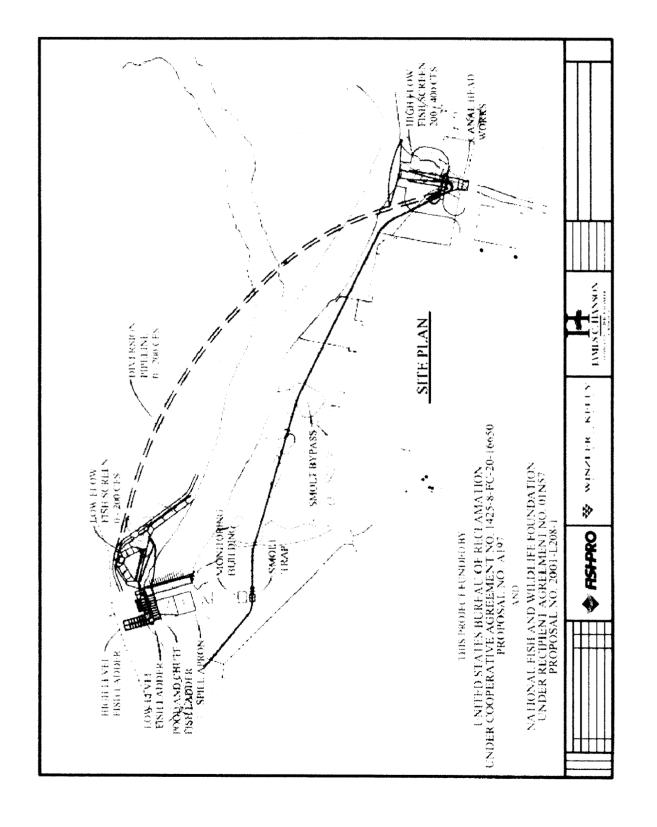
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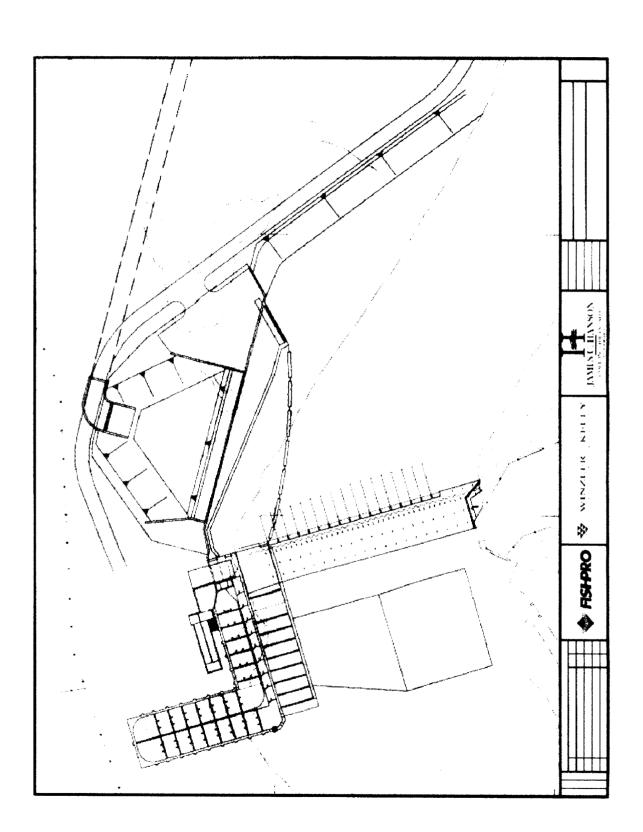
- Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program initially funded by CALFED in 1998 for \$1.6 million and has received subsequent grants of \$1 million (\$2.6 million in total) for environmental and engineering final plans and specifications.
- The Program proposes to construct a new weir/dam, fish ladders, 0-200 CFS diversion fish screen and pipeline from WID dam to WID canal, 0-414 CFS fish screen at Canal, Fish Bypass Pipeline, Fish Monitoring Building and a Fish Counting and Viewing Building. Final design and specifications are 85% complete and are scheduled for completion by December 31, 2001.
- Construction grant funding is being requested from the CALFED ERP 2002 funding.
- EIR/EIS has been completed...public scoping meetings showed strong support for New Dam & Fish Facilities Alternative including year around lake and enhancement of public recreation.
- A Biological Assessment has been completed and Biological Opinions requested for Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB), and Giant Garter Snake (GGS) endangered species.
- A Preliminary Alternatives Assessment considered 14 alternatives to WID dam facility and 5 alternatives were carried forward in DEIR/EIS. A final EIR/EIS has been written and Notice of Determination and Record of Decision is anticipated in late fall 2001.
- A Mokelumne River Technical Committee Workgroup advises the sponsors and includes USFWS, USBOR, CDFG, NMFS, EBMUD, Lodi, and WID.

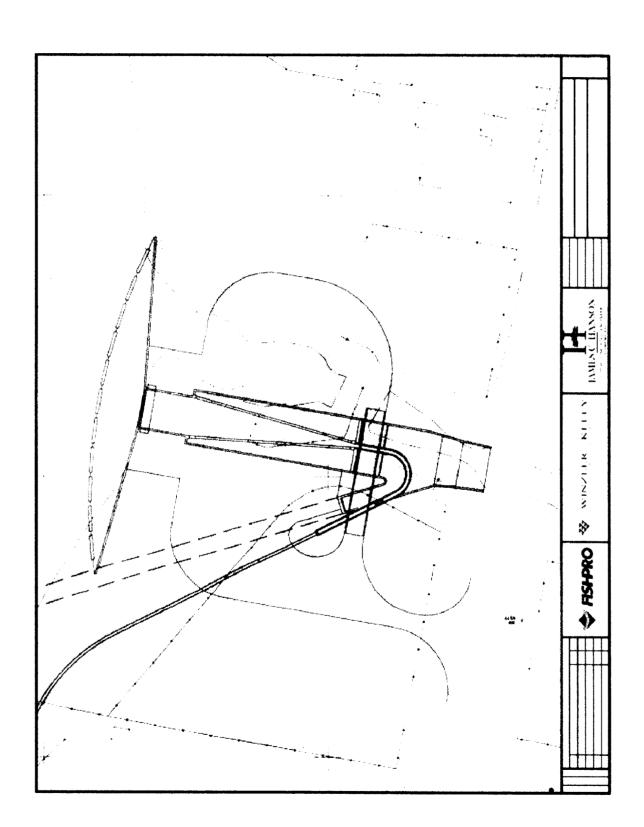
The <u>PROJECT GOAL IS TO IMPROVE FISH PASSAGE BENEFITS</u> while maintaining the right of Woodbridge Irrigation District to receive its Mokelumne River water rights for irrigation.

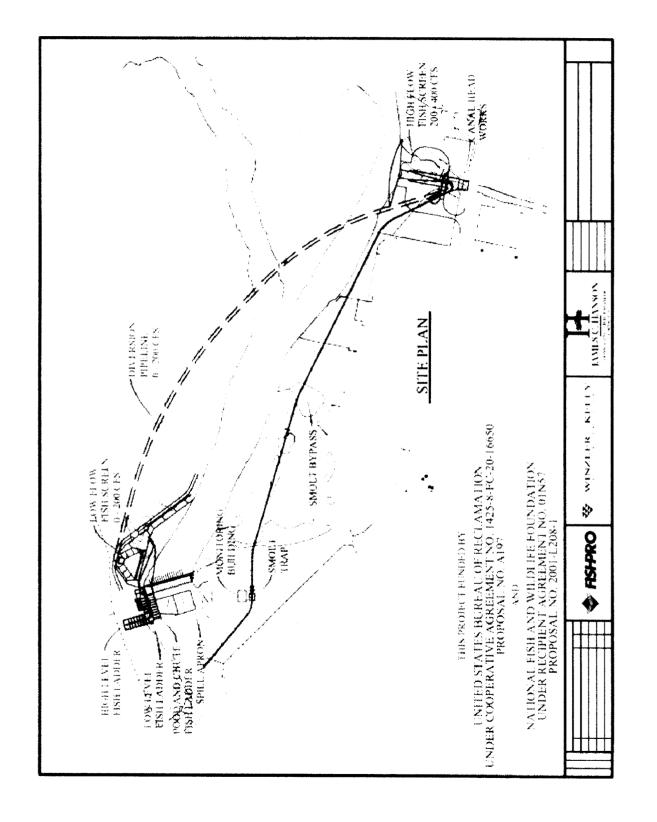
THE CALFED FUNDING PROPOSAL REQUESTS \$12 Million for the Dam and Fish ladders and up to \$31 Million For Entire Project.WID will contribute \$300,000 and EBMUD has committed \$250,000 towards construction of the project.

Contact Persons: Anders Christensen, Woodbridge Irrigation District, 209-369-6808; Richard Prima, City of Lodi, 209-333-6759









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SUBJECT: Support of WID Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program and City

Participation in Construction and Approve Renewal Agreement with WID for Use of Property for Filter System at Well 16, 1426 West Century Boulevard

Enclosed is a copy of background information on items on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, September 19, 2001. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

The Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program item is on the regular calendar for Council discussion. The item about the agreement to use WID property at Well 16 is on the consent calendar. Consent calendar items are usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. You are welcome to attend.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the restoration item, please call me at 333-6759. Questions on the use agreement item should be directed to Fran Forkas at 333-6740.

Richard C. Prima, Jr. Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: Susan Blackston, City Clerk
Fran Forkas, Water/Wastewater Superintendent